

MA Food Policy Council Bylaws and Structure Committee seeks advisory committee nominations

The Massachusetts Food Policy Council voted to re-establish its advisory committee on September 10, 2021. The advisory committee's role will include priorities of racial equity and climate change in the food system.

Advisory Committee composition and purpose

The council shall have an advisory committee. The council shall appoint members to the advisory committee and the committee shall include, but not be limited to, members who represent the following organizations and/or interest:

- 2 - active farmers or who shall represent farmer associations;
- 1 - an organization engaged in farmland protection and conservation;
- 1 - an organization engaged in developing new farm businesses, urban & community supported ag, community gardening, immigrant/refugee farming/youth education through agriculture;
- 1 - cooperative extension service at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst;
- 1 - food distribution, processing and marketing interests; 1 of whom shall represent a school of nutrition or public health;
- 1 - community-based coalition or health care provider addressing obesity and chronic disease;
- 1 - represent citizens in need of transitional assistance; and
- 1 - anti-hunger organization.

Advisory Committee Qualifications

Preferred Qualifications

- Knowledge/experience with issues related to racial equity in farming and the food system in Massachusetts
- Knowledge/experience with issues related to addressing the impacts of climate change on farming and the food system
- Academic/research experience
- Policy experience

Advisory Committee Info

- 2 members from the Food Policy Council (co-chairs or one as chair)
- 2-year commitment
- Expectation for attendance at four committee meetings per year
- Administrative support from MDAR
- Committee members may but are not required to attend Food Policy Council meetings
- Meetings will be conducted according to the MA Open Meeting Laws

Nominations by 10.22.21

The Council will consider candidates who in addition to having subject matter expertise, provide geographical, racial, gender and organizational diversity.

Nominations should include:

- name
- contact information
- statement of interest & agreement to serve
- biographical info & resume

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